

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-39 have been canceled in favor of new claims 40-71, which better define the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention.

Support for the subject matter of claims 40-71 is provided in the original claims and the specification on page 2, lines 23-32, page 3, lines 4-10, and page 4, line 36, through page 5, line 24. More specifically, claim 40 recites features of original claim 1 and the additional features of:

- the PSD is associated to an identified user, and
- the at least one local client comprises an activator of an authentication according to the authentication policy between the PSD and the at least one authentication server upon an action of the identified user on the at least one local client.

New claims 41-45 correspond to original claims 4-8, claims 46 and 47 correspond to original claims 12 and 13, claim 48 corresponds to original claim 15, and claims 49-52 correspond to original claims 19-22. Independent claim 53 corresponds to original claim 18 and includes features similar to those added to new claim 40, claims 54-56 correspond to original claims 9-11, claim 57

corresponds to original claim 16, and claims 58-64 correspond to original claims 23-29. Independent claim 65 corresponds to original claim 30 and includes features similar to those added to new claim 40, claims 66 and 67 correspond to original claims 32 and 33, claims 68 and 69 correspond to original claims 35 and 36, and claims 70 and 71 correspond to original claims 38 and 39. All of the new claims have been revised in relation to their corresponding original claims for clarity.

Claims 1-39 were rejected, under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by Audebert (US 6,694,436). To the extent these rejections may be deemed applicable to new claims 40-71, Applicants respectfully traverse.

Audebert fails to disclose the combined features recited in claim 40 of: (1) a PSD that is associated with an identified user and (2) a local client that comprises an activator of an authentication according to an authentication policy, between the PSD and an authentication server, upon an action of the identified user on the local client.

Instead, Audebert discloses a data processing system for performing authentication using a predetermined authentication policy that is shared between a server Sap and a PSD 31 (see col. 9, lines 54-62, col. 10, lines 5-14, and col. 23, lines 28 to 33) and functionally stored within PSD 31 and server Sap (col. 23,

lines 28-33). Server Sap is configured to perform authentication according to the predetermined authentication policy and further configured to support a network connection R with a client PC (see Fig. 3). The client PC is configured to support a plurality of local device connections, such as a serial link to an intelligent device 1 (which may also be a personal computer) that supports a PSD 3 (see Fig. 1).

In short, Audebert discloses that intelligent device 1, which is interconnected with PSD 3, must be functionally connected to the local client when the authentication information is generated between PSD 3 and the server. As a result, the PSD can only communicate with the server via the network connection between the local client and the server.

By contrast to Audebert's disclosure, the claimed structure does not require the intelligent device to be connected with the local client so as to communicate with the server. Instead, the intelligent device may be connected to the server through a network connection independent of that connecting the client and server.

Accordingly, when a PSD user performs an operation on the local client, the server becomes aware of this operation based on a communication over the network connecting the client to the server. Thereafter, the server performs the authentication

procedure with the PSD, via its connection to the intelligent device, and this authentication procedure may be performed through a network connection separate from that interconnecting the client and server. This feature solves the problem, cited on page 1, lines 23-28, of the current application, with related art systems in which all prospective local clients must have a dedicated hardware device that supports a connection with a security token.

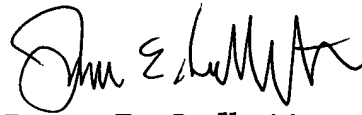
Accordingly, Applicants submit that Audebert does not anticipate the subject matter recited in claim 40 of a local client that comprises an activator of an authentication according to an authentication policy, between a PSD and an authentication server, upon an action of the PSD user on the local client. Independent claims 53 and 65 similarly recite the feature distinguishing apparatus claim 40 from Audebert, though claim 53 does so with respect to a method. Therefore, allowance of claims 40, 53, and 65 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



James E. Ledbetter
Registration No. 28,732

Date: May 2, 2005
JEL/DWW/att

Attorney Docket No. L741.01104
STEVENS DAVIS, MILLER & MOSHER, L.L.P.
1615 L Street, N.W., Suite 850
P.O. Box 34387
Washington, D.C. 20043-4387
Telephone: (202) 785-0100
Facsimile: (202) 408-5200